CASTRO ULTIMATUM

England and Germany Demand Satisfaction.

BALFOUR'S STATEMENT

IN EVENT OF DELAY WILL USE FORCE.

British Premier Makes Announcement in the House of Commons Today.

LONDON, December 8 .- Premier Balfour announced in the house of commons today that an ultimatum had been sent to Venezuela and that in the event of a satisfactory reply not being received the British and German governments would take measures to enforce their claims against that

Mr. Balfour, when questioned on the Venezuelan situation by the liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, said: "For the past two years we have had grave cause for complaint on various occasions of unjustifiable interference by the Vanezuelan government with the liberty and property of British subjects. No efforts have been spared by the British government to obtain an amicable settlement of these cases, but in none of them has a satisfactory explanation been forthcoming. Latterly the representations of the British minister have been practically unnoticed. There are also cases in which British subjects and companies have large claims. We have been acting in conjunction with the German government, which also has large claims against Ventzuela. A final com-munication has been made to the Venezue-lan government by the British minister and the German charge de affaires. If no satisfactory reply is received the governments have decided to take such measures as may necessary to enforce their claims. Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Balfour said he understood the com-munication to Venezuela was neither joint nor identic.

GEN. DICK FOR GOVERNOR.

nor identic.

His Announcement Expected During the Coming Holidays. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 8.-Republican politicians here are now coming to the conclusion that General Dick is to be a candidate for the nomination for governor next year after all. They had already agreed that if he wanted the nomination he would get it. Many of them thought that Senator Hanna, who must be re-elected by the legislature to be chosen in next year's campaign, would want General Dick to conduct that campaign for him, and, of course, he would not be both candidate for governor and chalrman of the state campaign committee; at least, that would be an un-

precedented thing.
But they reason that Senator Hanna and General Dick have now had time to reach an understanding in the matter, and doubtless have done so. If the conclusion were that General Dick should not be a candidate for governor next year there would be no reason why it should not be announced. It is believed here that General Dick will announce himself as a candidate-for nomination for governor during the holiday congressional recess, and that all the other draw. The fact that, by such a course, Schator Hanna and General Dick might seem to be cornering the best things in sight it is believed will not put the state in danger of going democratic. Ohio is now regarded here as second only to Pennsyl-vania in permanency of its republicanism.

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE.

Thirteen Teams Left in Madison Square Garden Contest.

found thirteen teams left in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. Lootens and Bruni quit today, but the'r partners, Baraquin and Buisson, doubled up and continued the contest The first rider to leave the race was Head-

NEW YORK, December 8.-Noon today

speth, a negro rider. He fell and broke his collarbone. Bald and Elkes were the next to quit. Fenn dropped out also, and Keegan, his partner, doubled up with Peterson, who had been Headspeth's partner. The noon score follows:

	Miles.	Laps.
Gougoltz-Kaser	264	1
Breton-Darragon	. 264	1
McFarland-Maya		1
Stinson-Moran		1
Bedell-Bedell		1
Newkirk-Jacobson		1
Butler-Turville		1
Leander-r loyd, Krebs	264	1
Barclay-Franz, Krebs		
Keegan-Peterson		
Galvin-Root		
Doerflinger-Heller		7
Buisson-Baraquin	777	3
The record for twelve hours		HALL STORY
and 2 laps. The leading riders		
and 1 lap behind the record.	are o	******
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FATALITIES AT A FIRE. Max Manthey and Child Dead, Another Fatally Hurt.

MENOMINEE FALLS, Wis., December 8.-Fire last night destroyed the general store and dwelling of Max Manthey at Colgate, five miles north of here. Mr. Manthey and a child lost their lives and three others were injured.

Mr. Manthey was awakened to find the place filled with smoke, and called to his family to jump from the windows of the death. Mr. Manthey broke his neck in attempting to slide down a post supporting porch. One child, three years old, fell down stairs

headforemost, running a nail into her head and probably into her brain. She is not expected to live.

A third child fell on her shoulder, break-

ing it, while another broke a collar bone. The mother, two children and a servant were the only ones to escape uninjured.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Has Typhoid. NEW YORK, December 8 .- Cornelius Vanderbilt is ill of typhoid fever at his home in this city. He has been confined to his

bed for a week, and his physicians have diagnosed the disease as typhoid. At the house it was said today that the patient was comfortable and that no complications had developed.

J. A. Middleton's Appointment. NEW YORK, December 8.-The appointment of J. A. Middleton as assistant to the new president of the Lehigh Valley Rail-

road Company, E. B. Thomas, was made public today. Kaiser's Son Breaks Collar Bone. PLOEN, Prussia, December 8. - Prince Oscar, Emperor William's fifth son, has

sustained a slight fracture of the collar-bone through falling from a horizontal bar. The injury will not interfere with his

Remains Reach Portland. PORTLAND, Me.. December 8 .- The funeral train bringing the body of former Speaker Thomas B. Reed arrived here at

The Attorney General Goes South. Attorney General Knox has gone to St. Augustine, Fla., for ten days or two weeks.

THE COMING RECESS MR. MICHENER'S LETTER

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN ON THE 20TH TO BE REPORTED.

Action of the Ways and Means Committee This Morning-Meetings of Other Committees.

A favorable report on the resolution for the adjournment of Congress from December 20 to January 5 for the Christmas holldays was ordered by the ways and means committee this morning.

Gen. Luke E. Wright of the Philippine commission urged the ways and means committee to make a favorable report on the Cooper bill for the reduction of the duties on goods from the Philippines to 23 per cent of the Dingley rates instead of 75 per cent, as at present.

The proper distribution of the President's message to the various committees of the House, after it has been printed in sections. according to subject, was ordered in a report authorized by the ways and means

Resolutions on the death of Representative Russell of Connecticut were adopted by the ways and means committee. Copies

morning in favor of establishing the gold standard as the monetary basis in the

Philippines.

An addition of \$60,000 to the agricultural appropriation bill will pay for furnishing and distributing the weather forecasts in rural free delivery districts. This was the information which Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, gave the House committee on agriculture this morn-ing in explaining the estimates for his de-

THE SENATE.

Resolutions of Indian Territory Council Read.

After some routine business in the Senate today Mr. Quay (Pa.) sent to the desk and had read the resolutions adopted by the Indian territory executive committee on territorial legislation in opposition to the statehood bill, combining Oklahoma and indian territory, expressing sympthy for Oklahoma in her efforts to secure statehood, appealing for some form of local selfgovernment, such as is provided for in what is known as the Moon bill, and denouncing certain people, who, it is charged, have misrepresented the desires of the citizens of Indian territory with regard to joint statehood with Oklahoma. Mr. Penrose (Pa.) called up the immigra-

THE GOVERNMENT BOARDERS. They Commenced Their Second Week

Today-Same Bill of Fare. The even dozen of young men who have consented to allow Uncle Sam to feed them in the interests of science began their second week of self-abnegation and heroic sacrifice this morning. The breakfast served them by the government cook, under the direction of Dr. Wiley of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, was about the same as that which has been served them through the past seven days. No effort has yet been made to ascertain the value or harmfulness of certain bemicals that are alleged to be used in sure preservation. This week will be devoted to ordinary healthful food stuffs.

Dr. Wiley intends to be sure of the nor-

mal condition of his patients, if such they may be called, before beginning his ex-periments. Those who have offered them-selves for the sacrifice have been cautioned not to eat anything but that prepared for them by the government cook employed for the purpose, whose praises these scientific subjects have been singing throughout the past week. The food has been simple and nutritious in the extreme, and Dr. Wiley expressed himself as well satisfied with the results so far. He has not gone far, as yet, as has been explained. In order to secure an exact basis on which the experiments with the chemicals can be pro-ceeded with the twelve boarders are required to take accurate account of their temperature, respiration, etc. In this manner, by careful compilation of the results obtained and a little mathematical calculation, a table of averages can be secured on which to base the calculations for judging the harm done by the alleged impurities or chemicals that are to be introduced in the

food hereafter.
This week the free boarders of the department will be given in the same manner as last. No chemicals will be introduced and the subject will be required to take his temperature as frequently and as accurately as before. His weight will be taken each day and entered on the table that contains the portions of the pedigree as ascertained up to date. Dr. Wiley was not at the department very long yesterday. He left the city at noon for New York, where he will address the Hundred Year Club on the subject of the relation of chemistry to the public health.

NAVAL OFFICERS' UNIFORMS.

Considering Expediency of Requiring Them to Be Worn While on Duty Here.

Secretary Moody is considering the expediency of requiring all naval officers on duty in Washington, including those at the Navy Department, to wear their uniforms while on duty. This practice prevails in the War Department, and it has been suggested to Secretary Moody that if it is good for the army it ought to be good for the navy. It is recognized on all sides that the plan has many advantages, and also that it is open to some objections. The main objection comes from the officers themselves, who, as second floor. In the rush an eight-year-old a rule, do not care to wear their uniforms child was forgotten and was burned to death. Mr. Manthey broke his rock in at field or in garrison in the case of an army officer and on board ship in the case of a

naval officer.

Another objection made to the practice is that it tends to draw attention to the large that it tends to draw attention to the large number of officers stationed in this city, and also gives the opponents of the administration an opportunity to raise the cry of militarism. Army officers have been wearing their uniforms during office hours ever since the Spanish war, but up to this time it has not been contemplated to extend the prac-

It is said that the President has prepared an order to the effect that army and navy officers who wear uniform while on duty in Washington shall don the entire apparel. Mr. Roosevelt recently encountered on the street an army officer attired in light gray trousers, the service blouse and a derby hat, a combination of garb that impressed the President as most unmilitary. He was inclined, it is said, to require officers of the army and navy to appear while on duty here in the full uniform of their grade, but the objection of some naval officers to the the objection of some naval officers to the, for them, new condition has led the President to make the order less obligatory, with the stipulation, however, that whenever the uniform is worn it should be in its entirety and not fragmentary.

Funeral of Miss Williams

and not fragmentary.

The funeral of Miss Sarah Abercrombie Williams, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cassel Williams, took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of her parents at the Franconia, 918 18th street northwest. Services at the house were conducted by Rev. George Fiske Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's, assisted by Rev. E. Slater Dunlap, assistant rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. The interment was at Rock Creek cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. H. S. Brown, George W. Rouzer, John D. Cremer and Charles E. Kern.

Suit for Divorce.

Augustine, Fla., for ten days or two weeks.

Proceedings for divorce were instituted this afternoon by Helen Thompson against this personal friend, D. J. P. McGowan of New York.

Proceedings for divorce were instituted this afternoon by Helen Thompson against timore, collapsed Friday night and is a total wreck. None of the forty guests was injury to employes as a result of its negligence or mismanagement.

Since November 17, where the states was introduced in the Senate today shook up southern Utah as total wreck. None of the forty guests was injured. Proceedings for divorce were instituted

HE MAKES A STATEMENT IN BE-GARD TO THE REPLIES.

Senator Fairbanks Has Indiana and Can Give It to Whomever He Desires.

A latter sent from this city by Mr. L. T. Michener of Indiana, now resident here, to friends in that state has found its way in print. A copy of the letter is as follows: WASHINTON, D. C., November 7, 1902.

- Blank, -, Ind. My Dear Mr. Blank: It is believed here that Senator Hanna will try to get the presidential nomination in 1904, and that he expects the support of Indiana. Some of the President's friends are a little uneasy about it, Do you think that Hanna could take Indiana away from Roosevelt-or Fairbanks? Kindly let me have your views by next mail, if at all convenient. With kind-

est regards, yours truly,
L. T. MICHENER. Mr. Michener made the following statement today: "Just after the election in November, and by the ways and means committee. Copies of the resolutions will be sent to the family of the deceased. Mr. Russell was a member of the committee.

The needs of the bureau of yards and docks were explained to the House committee on naval affairs this morning by Rear Admiral Endicott of the navy.

Charles A. Conamt was heard by the House committee on insular affairs this morning in favor of establishing the gold

has ever had such a hold on the respect and affection of the republicans of Indiana as that now possessed by Mr. Fairbanks. The state is his and he can do as he likes with it. If he should be a candidate in 1904 he will have the loyal, earnest and aggressive support of the republicans of Indiana. These letters state, also, that if Mr. Fairbanks should not be a candidate in 1904, and if Mr. Hanna and the President should be opposing candidates for the nomination, there would be a very sharp struggle for the Indiana delegation, with the result in doubt. Both Mr. Hanna and the President have the confidence of the republicans of that state, and either would be an acceptable candidate, so these letters assert."

AVENUE OPENING ADVISED.

Thoroughfare Needed by Water Department for Trunk Mains.

W. A. McFarland, superintendent of the water department, has called the attention Trumbull street at an early date. This street is much needed as an outlet for large trunk mains from the new Trumbull street pumping station, as without it an indirect route, requiring a number of objectionable bends, must be followed. The matter was forwarded to the surface division for consideration.

Assistant Engineer Richards has submitted a report and a map showing the pro-posed extension of Le Droit avenue fifty feet in width. He says although the extension of this avenue has been generally considered as ninety feet wide, it would seem that fifty feet would be sufficient, as some of the land along the extension is unsub-divided. Other portions are held in large bulk by one party, thus enabling these peo-ple to establish a building line if it is de sirable to have ninety feet. It is estimated that the cost of the land will be \$12,000. The grading would be very light in character. A draft of a proposed bill to Congress to carry out the plan was also sub-

REPORT OF PLOT DENIED. Alleged Murderous Conspiracy Against

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassader, authorizes the press to deny in toto the report recently circulated from Vienna that a plot had been discovered to assassinate the czar at Le Vidia, and that four Russian students were arrested as being implicated. It so happens that the ambassador is in almost daily direct communication with his sovereign, who remains at Le Vidia.

It is understood that the recent assurances of Ambassador Tower upon his arrival at Berlin in regard to the good health of the czar and his cordial feelings toward

PALACE FOR MISS CARNEGIE. Little Daughter of Iron Master Gets Christmas Gift.

The New York World of today says: Many New Yorkers walked up 5th avenue in the rain yesterday to have a look at little Margaret Carnegie's Christmas giftthe most extraordinary ever given a child. What they saw was a magnificent house towering above the other splendid homes at 91st street and surrounded by a park spacious enough to accommodate two other

The great iron and steel master is coming home from his Scotch castle for the express purpose of turning over to his daughter the \$2,500,000 palace which he began to build four years ago.
Little Margaret will be made the abso-

lute mistress of the house and all it contains on Christmas day. The deeds will be made out in her name, with her famous father as trustee. Her father and her mother will in a measure be her tenants. She will be the recognized head of the house, which has been constructed with especial reference to her future needs.

Mr. Carnegie is expected to arrive on Wednesday. He insisted on returning to America against the advice of his particular. America against the advice of his physi cians, as he wanted to personally present his magnificent gift to his daughter and helress of all his millions. The family will go immediately to the 5th avenue mansion on their arrival.

RIVER CHANGES ITS COURSE. Nebraska City Left High and Dry by

the Missouri. A dispatch to the New York World from Nebraska City, Neb., yesterday says: The Missouri river has played a huge joke on this city. On Thursday night it flowed at the doors of the town. The next night it suddenly changed its channel and it is now three miles away.

The greater part of the big Burlington railroad bridge now spans dry land. The A dispatch to the New York World from

railroad bridge now spans dry land. The water works are left high and dry. The pumping station is without connection and a water famine prevails. All the river craft

were left on the sand or in small pools of The Iowa territory thus suddenly tossed over into Nebraska is not all sand, for there are many productive farms in the tract. The change of channel means a change of state citizenship to more than a

Want of Jurisdiction

In the United States Supreme Court today the appeal from the Court of Claims in the case of the District of Columbia vs. Elias E. Barnes was dismissed for want of jurisdiction. This case involved a claim for damages against the District of Columbia under a contract held by Barnes.

A Land Protest.

A protest signed by a number of citizens of Wind River Valley, Wyming, has been received by Commissioner Binger Herman of the general land office against the inclusion of certain land in that vicinity in the Teton river reserve. The signers of the protest state that this land is grazing land and cannot be properly included in the forest reserve. The protest has been referred to the proper official for investigation and report. It is explained by Commissioner Hermann that the land regarding which the protest has been received, is that which is to be included in the extension of the present Teton river reserve.

LIKELY THE BE BITTER DEAD AT MONTE CARLO DEPT. OF COMMERCE FINANCE AND TRADE

The Statehood Fight in the Senate.

A CAUCUS SUGGESTED

EASTERN FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN SOUTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Fear Expressed That All Legislation for Admission Will Be Defeated-Mr. Quay Scents the Idea.

The preliminaries to the statehood fight which will begin in the Senate Wednesday indicate that it will be bitter. There is good deal of gossip on the outside which will not be heard in the Senate chamber, but which may bear fruit in senatorial

"Commercialism in legislation" are words notelikely to be used in the Senate; senators do not impugn other senators' motives. But the words are freely used in private conversation and applied to the proposition to admit New Mexico and Arizona to statehood.

It is charged by some of the opponents of the omnibus statehood bill that one of the reasons urged for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona is purely commercialnamely, the benefit to accrue to property and industries in those territories. The opponents contend that such a reason should not be sufficient to warrant "padding" the United States and the electoral college with the additional representation statehood

would give.

The republican friends of the omnibus bill wave all these insinuations aside and "stand pat" on one proposition—namely, that admission of the terratories was recommended by the last republican national convention.

"That is republican national convention." "That is good enough doctrine for me,"
they say. "If the republican party in national convention assembled thought it
wise policy to admit those territories, we are not prepared to overturn the judgment thus expressed."

A Caucus Suggested. Senator Hanna and Senator Beveridge,

opponents of the omnibus bill, both say that of the Commissioners to the desirability of a caucus of republican senators must be opening Le Droit avenue southward from | held on the subject. When a caucus was broached to Senator Quay he said: "Do you propose to reverse a republican

national convention with a caucus of republican senators?"

Today some of the men who are anxious for the admission of Oklahoma—and every-body admits the justice of Oklahoma's plea for admission—expressed the fear that the insistence of the tristate boomers might deadlock all statehood legislation. When that was suggested to Mr. Quay he said: 'That looks as if the other side were shy

of votes. Well, there will be no deadlock. We have the votes and we are ready for Some of the eastern republicans who advocated the omnibusabili make no conceal-ment of their views that it will be a good thing, financiall Hand commercially, for the territory and for castern capital invested there. They say shat the \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000 of eastern mossy now in the territories will be protected better under state laws than under territorial laws. They say they acknowledge no, reproach to themselves in that viewing

Eastern Capital Invested.

The admission of the eastern senators of he investment of large amounts of eastern capital in the territories is borne out by the testimony taken before the Senate committee on territofies last summer. At one of the hearings before the committee Delegate Marcus Smith of Arizona gave the fol-'We have railroads running through our

territory that are assessed at only \$5,900 a mile that we know are bonded for \$40,000, and are paying a great dividend on their bonded indebtedness. And only one of those railroads is assessed at all. "The assessed valuation of the property, however, is the point to which I am addressing myself. There is the great Copper Queen mine, belonging to Pheips, Dodge & Co. of New York, it is true, at Bisbee. There is a great property around

Bisbee. There is a great property around Bisbee that is held by friends from the district of the senator who sits opposite to me. Mr. Hard, by whom millions of dollars' worth of land is now owned. These are the great Clifton mines and the Shannon mines. There is the Commonwealth mine, owned largely by Mr. Penrose, a brother of the present senator—an enormous, mag-nificent gold-producing mine. There is the whole country north of Prescott, with every mountain range giving forth its fruits to

mountain range giving forth its fruits to the general harvest of the world."

Delegate Rodey of New Mexico also gave testimony as to the investment of eastern capital. He said:
"I will also state that there are now vast enterprises on foot, concerns about to engage in legitimate business in New Mexico from which a reasonable profit will result, which are waiting to see whether or not

which are waiting to see whether or not they will get the opportunity to issue their bonds under a state rather than a territorial form of government.

"Citizens in Michigan and Indiana have bought a tract of timber of 300,000 acres in western central New Mexico, south of the new Santa Fe Pacific railroad. That land was given as a land grant by Congress to the Atlantic and Pacific railroad in 1866. It was originally sold by the railroad to Mitchell Brothers of Cadillac, Mich. Afterward one of the Mitchell brothers acquired the interest of his brother, and he and oth ers have now organized a corporation of Michigan, Indiana and Illinois capitalists with a capital stock of \$8,000,000. They are waiting to issue their bonds under a state rather than a territorial form of govern-

The chairman—"And they want the terri-tory admitted to statehood so that they would have advantage of the market that

would result?"

Mr. Rodey—"Yes, sir."

The chairman—"These railroads want to have you admitted to statehood for the

The chairman-"Who is building that rail-

Mr. Rodey—"Pennsylvania capital. Mr. W. H. Andrews & the principal man in it, together with Anthus Kennedy of Pittsburg, and three of four other Pittsburg capitalists. Mr. Andrews is also interested in a large mining plant down at Andrews, in Sierra county against a second at the county against the

The Pearose Interests. Further on the chairman asked: "And is Senator Penrose's brother also interested with him in this fail road?" Mr. Rodey-"I do not think so."

The Chairman of Shiply in the mines?". Mr. Rodey-'Nd; the Penrose mine is in-

Mr. Rodey—"No; the Penrose mine is in Arizona and not in New Mexico at all."

The Chairmant Ober I see; Penrose's mine is in Arizona mine; I see; Penrose's mine is in Arizona mine; In fact, I never knew about Sengtor Penrose's brother until within two or three months."

The statehood bill there the agreement made last session will come up for consideration in the Senate Wednesday and will be the unfinished business until disposed of by that body. There is certain to be long debate upon the measure. It is said that senators who are of the opinion that general legislation should be kept down as much as possible at this session will encourage full and free debate on the statehood bill and will not oppose keeping it before the Senate at least until the great supply bills are ready to be brought in.

Liability of Common Carriers. A bill relating to the liability of com carriers by railroad in the District of Co-

PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. Barney Learns Sad News in John Hyde, Statistician of the Agri-Cablegram From Daughter

in Paris. Information has been received in Washington of the death of Mr. Albert Clifford Barney, which occurred at Monte Carlo Saturday morning. Mr. Barney had been in

ill health for more than a year. He went abroad in April last on the advice of his physician, who thought that a change of scene and climate might have a beneficial effect. Mr. Barney spent several months in Paris,

where his daughter, Miss Natalie Clifford Barney, was located. He seemed to improve for a time, and was said to be in apparent good spirits when he departed from Paris for Monte Carlo.

Mrs. Barney Prostrated.

Mrs. Barney, who is at her home, 1626 Rhode Island avenue, was first apprised of her husband's death by a cablegram from her daughter in Paris, who wired that she was just about to start for Monte Carlo to take charge of her father's body.

Mrs. Barney was prostrated by the receipt of the news. Miss Alice Barney, another daughter, is with her mother. The Barneys are prominent in Washington society. Mr. Barney was a member of the Metropolitan, Chevy Chase, Alibi, Washington Golf and University Clubs. He was a graduate o Brown University of the class of 1869.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Two Buildings Damaged to Amount of \$1,000 Each.

A quick run was made by the fire department yesterday morning in response to an alarm turned in for a blaze in the house of William H. Hammersley, 235 2d street northwest. The fire started on the upper floor from some unknown cause and had gained considerable headway when the firemen reached the house. After about thirty minutes of hard work the firemen returned to their quarters. The damage to the house and furniture is estimated at about \$1,000 The property was fully insured.

The Van Ness mansion at 17th and B

streets northwest, one of the oldest structures in the District, was badly damaged by fire Saturday night about 8 o'clock. The property is owned by Major Ferguson and is occupied by the Y. M. C. A. for athletic purposes. It is not know how the fire originated. The blaze started in the ware next. nated. The blaze started in the upper part of the building and caused damage about the roof. It is believed the damage by fire and water amounted to about \$1,000.

A slight fire occurred Saturday night about 11 o'clock on the third floor of house 1310 D street northwest. The flames were extinguished by the firemen in a few minutes. Not more than \$5 damage resulted.

The fire department was called out Saturday night about 8 o'clock to extinguish a blaze in a shed in rear of 233 Pomeroy street. The fire caused only about \$5 dam

AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN. General and Personal News From the West End. The seventh of the series of gospel tem-

perance meetings being held under the auspices of Silver Star Lodge, No. 20, I. O. G. T, took place last evening at Good Templars' Hall, on the Brookville road, Tenlevtown. There was a large attendance. and addresses were delivered by Mrs. M. S. Martin and Mrs. T. A. Williams of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Mr. Sylvester W. Russell, chief templar of the Grand Lodge.

The vestry of Christ Episcopal Church,
Georgetown, has received no reply to the
call issued to the Rev. James H. W. Blake
of Akron, Ohio, to fill the rectorate of that

church, made vacant by the recent death of the Rev. Dr. Albert Rhett Stuart. The choice of the vestry was yesterday an-nounced to the congregation of the church, and according to expressions of sentiment the selection has the indorsement of the majority of the membership.

The annual Thanksgiving meeting of Reno Council. Jr. O. U. A. M., of Tenleytown was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Masonic Temple, in Tenleytown. The speaker of the occasion was Rev. F. L. Day, paster of West Washington M. E.

Church. A large number of members were present and Mr. J. L. Giles presided over the meeting.
The residents of Harlem, a small town just west of the Georgetown University, have entered complaint against the heavy blasting at the quarries on the Virginia bank of the Potomac, about a half mile

above the Aqueduct bridge.

Deputy Sheriff Bradley of Montgomery county, Md., called at the seventh precinct station late Saturday evening and enlisted the services of the members of that pre-cinct in an attempt to locate "Kid" More land, whom Bradley believed threatened the life of Eleanor Parker in a deserted roadhouse on the Conduit road Friday night. It is alleged that Miss Parker was bitten through her cheek and that her assailant escaped. She was brought to this city and treated at the Emergency Hospital. According to the police of the seventh precinct station Moreland is out on bail on a charge of embezzlement. He could not be found by the officers. Deputy Sheriff Bradley said he was informed that the man who was with the woman was More-

According to the story told by Miss Parher at the Emergency Hospital Friday night, Moreland is not responsible for the assault, and instead one Billy Jackson" is the guilty party. Jackson was arrested Saturday in a road house on the Conduit road by the Maryland authorities upon her com-plaint, and is now locked up in the Rock-

ville jail. Sergt. E. J. Keefe of the seventh precinct through the Blue Adge mountains in West Virginia. He brought back several turkeys and ducks.

A Shallow Pretense. From the Boston Herald.

Of all the arguments that are made against undertaking a reform of the tariff with a view to reduction of its burdens, none is more shallow and impertinent than that Congress is incapable of doing the work. It is shallow and impertinent for the reason that everybody knows that, no work. It is shall and impertment for the reason that everybody knows that, no matter how many commissions are created, nor how excellent a work they may do. Congress will not accept the results of their labor as maving any worth compared with what the committee of ways and means of the House and the finance committee of the Senate think they know. Congress will do the work, if it is done at all, and will do it in its own way. It isn't in the power of Mr. Roosevelt or of Congress to appoint a commission so able that Congress will pay any respect to its recommendations on account of the authority of the commission's knowledge and patriotism. Would Hoar or Burrows or Dalzell or Grosvenor pay regard to the conclusions of any commission which went against the wishes of the men among their constituents who profit by exorbitant duties? All the men who think the intervention of a commission necessary to guide Congress in reducing duties are quite confident of the wisdom of Congress in raising duties. They never recommend a commission to advise Congress in this step. ing duties. They never recommend a comission to advise Congress in this step.

Grade Crossings.

From the Indianapolis News. Gf course, the important thing is to get rid of the dangerous grade crossings. The railways know this as well as the people. They suffer from the present condition in expenses of maintaining watchmen, in the payment of large damages because of accidents and in the lessening of speed. They know perfectly well that grade crossings cannot be much longer tolerated in this city after the manner that has hitherto prevailed. Every year, with increasing popuafter the manner that has hitherto prevalled. Every year, with increasing population and traffic, the problem becomes more serious. Some way the danger to life and limb, the constant presence of which has been revealed with startling frequency in the last few weeks, must be removed. We do not think the people care so much how this end is reached as that it be reached.

MR. ALBERT CLIFFORD BARNEY TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTER

> cultural Department, Opposes Transfer of Any Bureaus.

Mr. John Hyde, statistician of the Department of Agriculture, concluded the tes- NARKET SOON RELAPSED INTO timony this morning of the special board of heads of bureaus appointed by the President to inform the House committee on commerce what bureaus should be transferred to the proposed department of com-

Mr. Hyde opposed the transfer of any of the bureaus of the Department of Agriculture, and said he represented the views of Secretary Wilson in this respect. Particularly was he emphatic in stating that the bureau of statistics should not be changed. The reason of this was that the 240,000

correspondents of the bureau were mos ly farmers and were very jealous of commercial organizations. If the transfer was made Mr. Hyde predicted that the whole correspondence service would melt away and there would be nothing left on which to base statistics.

Chairman Hepburn questioned Mr. Hyde on the manner of obtaining information on

on the manner of obtaining information on the cotton crop. The answer was that the bureau had correspondence with 50,000 planters and 40,000 ginners, besides having special agents and transportation statistics.

Mr. Hyde said the statistical bureau of the Department of Agriculture had saved the people of the south between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000 on the cotton crop year before last through furnishing information on the probable size of the crop so that on the probable size of the crop so that cotton raisers might know at what price at which to sell.

Questioned by Committee.

Representative Adamson of Georgia questioned Mr. Hyde at length on some method of getting a weekly report on the state of the cotton crop. Mr. Hyde believed this could be done. It would make a decided in-crease in the cost, which was the only ob-stacle. Mr. Hyde explained that when the hill creating the permanent consumbation. bill creating the permanent census bureau was passed it was amended to authoriz the bureau to take a weekly report of the cotton crop. The bureau had found it impossible to accomplish this, and was making a report only once in three months.

The question of the belief in the reliability of the statistics might be said to rest on a name, in Mr. Hyde's belief. If the work was under the name of "commerce," the farmers would have no use for it. If under the name of "agriculture" the speculater would discard it.

later would discard it.

Mr. Hyde declared that there was abse bureau by any other government bureau. If the bureau was removed it would be necessary to establish a force to do the work now done by it in the Department of Agriculture in order to place the results of the various branches of the department. various branches of the department in proper form. He held that the Department of Agriculture related solely to agriculture and had no superfluous bureaus.

Shepherd Memorial.

Chairman B. H. Warner of the finance committee of the Shepherd memorial has appointed Dr. A. P. Fardon as an additional subchairman to look after the real estate men on 14th and F streets from 7th to 15th streets northwest. Dr. Fardon has accepted and will commence his work at

The subscription fund to date is as foilows:

\$8.646 00

Wife and Son Beneficiaries. By the terms of the will of John J. M.

Sellman, dated May 10, 1899, and filed this

afternoon for probate, his wife, Mary Adelaide Sellman, and his son, William A. B. Sellman, are named beneficiaries. President of Michigan Society. Mr. Edward B. Moore, assistant commissioner of patents, was elected president of the Michigan Society at the annual meeting of the organization, held Friday night, by a unanimous vote. Mr. Moore has been

a resident of the District almost twenty years, but still retains his love for his old home in Michigan. He came to Washington to accept a position in the patent office in 1883. He became an assistant examiner and then an examiner in a short time, and at the time of his appointment to his present position was one of the examiners-inchief. He has been a member of the Michigan Society since its formation and has been active in all its undertakings. The or-ganization was formed several years ago

for the purpose of bringing together the people from Michigan who reside temporarily in the District.

An East Washington Protest. Mr. Gallinger today presented to the Senate a resolution recently adopted by the East Washington Heights Citizens' Assoclation of the District of Columbia remonstrating against the location of correctional

institutions in East Washington.

Ordered to Hawaii. Maj. John McClellan, artillery corps, has been relieved from duty at Fort Greble, R. I., and ordered to Camp McKinley, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, to assume com-mand of the artillery district of Honolulu.

Divorce Proceedings Dismissed. Justice Hagner, in Equity Court No. 1.

this afternoon dismissed the proceedings for divorce instituted by Hettie E. Williams Washington Stock Exchange.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock noon—Capital Traction 4s, \$1,000 at 108, \$1,000 at 27, \$15 at 75. Mergenthaler Linotype, 1 at 186½, \$16 at 75. Mergenthaler Linotype, 1 at 186½, \$16 at 75%, 100 at 25%, 100 at 27% (buyer 60). After call—Mergenthaler Linotype, 5 at 186½, 5 at 186½, 10 at 186½. Washington Gas, 12 at 75%, 10 at 75%, \$100 at 27½ (buyer 60), 100 at 28½, 100 at 28, 100 at 28½, 100 at

London's Covering Purchases Made Stocks Strong.

SOME GAINS MADE

DULLNESS

Rock Island and Great Northern Preferred Were the Strong Features.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, December 8.-The buying of some 10,000 shares of various stocks by London, mostly against previous sales, had a favorable influence on prices in today's stock market. Money on time was loaned at 6 and 7 per cent, the latter for ninety days, and public interest was reduced in consequence. The Paris exchange rate eased slightly, but the talk of gold shipments was confined principally to professional traders.

Bankers generally hope that no gold will be needed until after the first of the year. The actual condition of the stock market is confused. Banks are not in position to encourage an advancing market, trading is too narrow to admit of large profit-taking and traders incline to the view that the evils of the situation are exaggerated.

There is too much pessimism around to encourage short selling, and too little real business, with capital behind it, to make the most of the best that is reflected in general business conditions. Duliness takes the place of reactions, and thus far such action has been regarded as the most rational treatment of a mixed and uncertain condition.

There was some good buying of Pennsylvania on the theory that this afternoon's meeting of the board of aldermen would result in a majority report in favor of the tunnel franchise. In any event either the city authorities will grant this privilege. city authorities will grant this privilege, under proper restrictions, or the state will be asked to exercise its authority in the premises. The great undertaking in some form will be pushed to a successful issue. Heavy selling of St. Paul was a feature of the early trading, the price reacting about 1 per cent. but good support was sent in at the decline. Hocking Valley was a feature of the day by reason of its renewed strength and the revival of the rumor relative to an important consolidation mor relative to an important consolidation with a neighboring property. Rock Island issues were bid up for inside account, and there was pronounced strength in Great Northern preferred.

The fractional gains in Eric and Reading revived rumors of an agreement between the miners and operators outside of the commission. Amalgamated Copper was strong in spite

of the denial of rumors relative to favor-able developments in the trade. Sugar was in fair demand from trade quarters, and there was noticeable activity in the Tobacco shares. The anti-trust talk at Washington may force some old time fluctuations in the industrial issues, but the hurt received will be out of all proportion to the pretended scare.

New York Stock Market.

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1419 F st., members New York stock exchange, Washington stock exchange and Chicago board of trade.

289% 64 45% 178 1431% 126% 147% 139% 241% 551% 153% 257% 69%

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41% 99% 92%

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71%

 Pacific Mail Steamship.
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 Pennsylvania R. R.
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 People's Gas of Chicago
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 Pressed steel Car
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 Reading
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 Pacific Mail Steamship. Reading, 1st pfd. St. Louis & San Fran. St. Louis & S. F., 2d pfd. 71½ 71½ St Louis Southwestern. 26% 26% St. Louis S. W., pfd. 26%

Tennessee Coal & Iron ... U S. Leather pfd....... United States Rubber.... United States Steel.... United States Steel, pfd...

Baltimore Markets.

Baltimore, Md., December S.—Flour dull; winter extra, \$2.95a\$3.15; winter clear, \$3.55a\$3.45; winter clear, \$3.55a\$3.45; winter straight, \$3.45a\$3.60; winter patent, \$3.80a\$4; spring clear, \$3.25a\$3.45; spring straight, \$8.70a\$3.85; spring clear, \$3.25a\$3.45; spring straight, \$8.70a\$3.85; spring patent, \$3.90a\$4.20; receipts, 17.454 barrels; exports, 65 barrels. Wheat firmer; spot and December, 75a75½; January, 755½a76; May, 785½ asked; steamer No. 2 red, 71½,a71½; receipts, 20.043 bushels; exports, none; southern by sample, 67a75; southern on grade, 72a76. Corn firmer; spot, old 56a56½; new, 55; year, 53½; January, 49½; February, 49½; March, 48½; steamer mixed, 55; receipts, 95,083 bushels; exports, 146,857 bushels; southern white and yellow corn, new, 49a55. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 37a87½; No. 2 mixed, 35½a36; receipts, 1,750 husbels; exports, hone, Rye steady; No. 2, 55a55½; No. 2 western, 50a55½; receipts, 13,342 bushels; exports, none, Hay firm; No. 1 timothy, \$17.00; No. 1 clover mixed, \$14,50a\$15.00, Grain freights, parcel room rates steadily held; steamers rather better inquiry; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 3d. decrease; Cork for orders, per quarter, 2s. decrease. Butter firm and higher; fancy imitation, 21a23; fancy creamery, 29½a30; fancy mid 17a18; Baltimore Markets.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets. OHICAGO, December 8.—Grain:
Open. High.
Wheat—Dec. 72½ 73½
May 75½ 76
Corn—Dec. 54½ 55
May 43% 42%
Oats—Dec. 31½ 31½
May 32% 33 May.....
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